major nuclear countries for disposal of radio active wastes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Radioactive Waste Management has been studied by BARC for over two decades and very strong capabilities have been generated.

(b) Highly radioactive waste is vitrified and the glass blocks are sealed in stainless steel canisters. A plant for doing this is already operational. Fixing intermediate level waste in polymers and bitumen has also been done. Only a few other countries have this capability and they also use similar methods. An interim storage facility is being set up at Tarapur and possibilities of storage in deep geological formation is under study.

Cutting of the telecast of NAM inaugural ceremony at Harare

3039. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inquiry into cutting of live telecast of the inaugural ceremony of the Non-Aligened Movement from Harare has been made; and

(b) if so, what has been the outcome thereof and the action taken by Government to stop recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan could not telecast the inaugural ceremony in full of the Non-Aligned Summit at Harare on 1st September. According to confirmed information the inauguration was to take place at 1.15 p.m. (IST). Doordarshan, therefore, booked the satellite for a duration of virtually two hours to relay the inaugural ceremony live. This was considered adequate in the light of the past experience. The ceremony at Harare started one hour and ten minutes behind the scheduled time and Doordarshan had no prior notice of it. However, as it became apparent that within the time available it would not be possible to relay the entire ceremony efforts were made immediately to extend the satellite time but extra time was not available as the satellite was booked by some other country. As a result the live telecast was terminated as soon as the Satellite time was over. However, the video recording of the remaining part of the inaugural ceremony was telecast at 9.50 p.m. same evening in a special programme entitled News from Harare.

An official enquiry was ordered immediately and the outcome of the enquiry was that Doordarshan was helpless in such a situation

Setting up of a standing Committee on Quality assurance

3040. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Standing Committee for collaboration on quality assurance between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The recommendation to this effect has been made at the CSIR-Industry Get-together on Measurements, Standards, Calibration and Quality Assurance held on 30th September, 1986. The proposal is being examined.